

The Common Council met at the Water Utility Board at 7:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Knowles presiding and members Askren, Rueger, Angel, and Cooper attending. Councilman Tucker was not present. Others attending were Comm. Gray; Chief Webber; Sgt. Allyn; Supt. Givens; Attorney Funkhouser; Nancy Burns-SWIRDC; Debbie Bennett and Jeff Pruitt-WTH Technology; Luke Brazdys; Louis Greenwell-Bristol Meyers Squibb; Marco Delucio-Ziemer Stayman/BMS; John Seaton; Shane Burkhart-Bonar Group; Ted Sommer-London Witte; Chris Janak-Bose McKinney; Beth Foster-Mount Vernon Democrat; and Jamie Grabert-Posey County News; and arriving during the meeting, Elaine Springer.

Mayor Knowles called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand-carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. She added if not, she entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Councilman Rueger moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Councilman Cooper.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motions should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles requested action on the claims presented.

Councilman Cooper moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motions should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor Knowles reminded the audience that the meeting will be conducted by Roberts Rules of Order and anyone wishing to speak should approach the podium and state their name and business.

Mayor Knowles stated they will now hear the report of the Water Superintendent.

Supt. Gray reported the Mulberry Tower is up and running and they are in the process of fixing the last big leak they are aware of-5th and Mulberry. He stated this leak is in a 16" line and to avoid closing down the school it would no doubt affect, they have decided to wait until school is out (tomorrow) to begin work on it. He again stated this is the last big leak the department is aware of. He also added they have been fixing leaking fire plugs around town and the water department workers also took it upon themselves to clear the river bank of trees that had collected there over the winter.

Supt. Gray continued his report by stating he has a raw water pump that needs rebuilt or

replaced. He stated to have it rebuilt would run around \$4,525 and new one is going to cost around \$23,250, installed.

Elaine Springer arrived at the meeting.

Councilman Cooper stated the water department has to have it, he should go forward.

Supt. Gray then stated the state came down on May 12th and could not believe the water department was still able to make clean water with the shape the KROFTA's are in, but they did accept the numbers they were given. He added the Hach is wanting the department to enter into a service contract with them for \$3,742.00, which would include 3 visits, and any parts and labor.

Councilman Cooper asked if the department currently calls Hach "as needed" and if so, what that costs.

Supt. Gray replied yes they do call them as needed, and he is not sure of the cost.

Councilman Cooper suggested Supt. Gray research that and if he can save them some money, fine. He then questioned the water department's sell in bulk, if that machine can be recalibrated to reflect the new rates?

Supt. Gray replied yes, Hach cannot do that though, they would have to call someone else in.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles asked if the Water Chairman had a report.

Water Chairman Cooper stated he has no report.

Mayor Knowles stated they have the Financial Report for April before them and any questions could be directed to Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe.

Mayor Knowles asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Board?

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe replied not at this time.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any Legal matters for consideration?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Water Utility Board?

There was no response.

Mayor Knowles stated under Old Business, she has received a letter from IDEM requesting a letter from the City on its decision on how to handle the sludge issues. She

asked if anyone on the Board had taken any action on that yet?

There was no response.

Mayor Knowles continued by stating the sludge issue was part of their agreed order and the City's 90 days past on May 21st. She added she just wanted the Board to be aware of that and she added Mr. Jackson of MAI is also aware - IDEM will be requesting immediate action.

Councilman Cooper stated he is to get with Mr. Jackson tomorrow or Thursday and he believes Mr. Jackson is already working on that.

Mayor Knowles added she will send a letter to the Board when she is aware of the situation.

Mayor Knowles stated under New Business, the Water Utility Board and Mr. Jackson may need to be thinking about 2006 and the enhanced water regulations.

Councilman Cooper then asked if anyone had heard from the county on the fire plug issue at the jail.

Mayor Knowles stated they had a meeting and asked Fire Chief Webb to elaborate.

Chief Webber stated Monday at 8:30 in the morning they had a meeting with the county and they are having problems with their hydrants and wanting the city's help. He stated the hydrants need to be looped in and he is recommending three hydrants for adequate fire protection and to help feed the sprinklers system. He added if the county does not put in three hydrants, from his standpoint as a fire chief, they will not have adequate fire protection.

Mayor Knowles stated Chief Webber needs to make sure his recommendations are in writing and sent to all the County Commissioners.

Mr. Brazdys stated the general consensus is that the water lines were not constructed according to plans. He added a 3" line was required and that is not the case in most areas, and he added the sprinklers system was not included in the 1979 plan. He added one option is the jail could tap onto the refinery's line, but he feels that is not a good idea; or, he stated they could tie into the west and also the east and the city would provide water at the right-of-way. He then stated however, the county would need to come up with their own infrastructure.

Attorney Funkhouser asked if the pressure is low?

Mr. Brazdys replied they are tapped onto one of the oldest lines in town, and there is a hodgepodge of lines out there, no documents or construction papers, etc. He added Chief Webber is also concerned with other issues and the utility infrastructure.

Supt. Gray stated the jail is fed off of the 8th Street water line, one of the oldest in town, and even if the county fixes their issues, they will still not have adequate pressure. He

wondered about extending the Smith Road line (6") to tie into the 8th Street line....

Mayor Knowles stated that would be a compromise and probably the least expensive option for the city.

Councilman Cooper asked if there are other hydrants on that line (Smith Road)?

Supt. Gray replied there is great pressure on that line and it should raise the county pressure at the jail by 40 psi.

Councilman Cooper asked the cost to do this?

Supt. Gray replied the water department could do the installation themselves, but he is not sure the cost of the pipe. He added they would also have to cross the road, but there is enough dirt there to prevent the line from freezing.

Attorney Funkhouser asked if Supt. Gray will send the county a letter about this?

Supt. Gray replied yes.

Councilman Cooper asked if Supt. Gray will get the cost back to the Board?

Supt. Gray replied yes, he will get that to them. He then added the system at the jail, as built, bears no resemblance to what is there now.

Councilman Cooper asked if the county is behind on paying their hydrant rental?

Attorney Funkhouser replied yes and added he sent them a letter last week but has not heard a response.

Mayor Knowles stated they will table this until the next meeting.

Mayor Knowles stated if there were no further business, she entertains a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Cooper moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilman Angel.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motions should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried and adjourned the meeting.

Rosemary L. Knowles

Mayor

ATTEST:

CristiL.Wolfe

Clerk-Treasurer